

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today regarding Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review  
of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

Already, too few corporations own our country's media outlets. This nation  
was founded on the voices of many, not the few, and it is the  
responsibility of all of us to ensure all of those voices continue to be  
heard. It is in the public's interest and it is the public's right.

In a free society such as ours, it is absolutely critical to retain the  
current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest  
requirements.

To imagine a society in which fewer corporations control the media  
outlets, the way in which we receive information and exactly what  
information we receive is unimaginable. As a worst case scenario, imagine  
if the producers of the show "Cops" or "Jerry Springer" controlled content  
in all or most television shows. What we see would be exactly the same  
base material, produced in exactly the same way.

That is, of course, a very extreme example. News media, in general, is  
more responsible than that, although there are countless examples of  
lapses in judgement. The example though is no more extreme than what I  
imagine would happen if restrictions are removed for corporate ownership  
of the media.

Please act now to keep our current media ownership rules and make them  
tougher. We will all profit in the end.

One public hearing is not enough. Please encourage the Commission to hold  
hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible  
participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by  
the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

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